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DESERTIFICATION, PARTICULARLY IN
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Agenda item 2

PREPARATION FOR THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman

Draft agenda for the first Conference of the Parties

The Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee recommends to the first Conference of the Parties the adoption of the following agenda:

1. Election of President.

2. Adoption of Rules of Procedure.

3. Election of other officers.

4. Adoption of Agenda and Organization of Work.

5. Credentials of delegations.

6. Accreditation of non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations, admission of observers.

7. Adoption of recommendations to the Conference and other decisions and conclusions requiring action by the Conference of the Parties:

   (a) Maintenance of interim arrangements referred to in paragraph 12 of resolution 51/180, including interim financial arrangements;

(b) Adoption of financial rules;

(c) Approval of programme and budget;

(i) Adoption of the Convention budget and programme for the biennium 1998-1999;

(ii) Related budget decisions;

(iii) Extrabudgetary funding for the Secretariat for 1998:

- Trust fund for support of secretariat;

- Special Voluntary Fund to assist developing countries to participate;

(iv) Programme of work for second and third Conferences of the Parties;

(d) Designation of permanent secretariat and arrangements for its functioning:

(i) Institutional linkage;

(ii) Physical location;

(e) Organization to house Global Mechanism and agreement on its modalities;

(f) Communication of information and review of implementation, including format and timetable;

(g) Terms of reference of Committee on Science and Technology;

(h) Programme of work of Committee on Science and Technology;

(i) Terms of reference of roster of scientific experts;

(j) Adoption of procedure for establishment of ad hoc panels;

(k) Approval of roster of experts;

(l) Creation of ad hoc panel(s) of experts, if necessary, with their terms of reference.